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## MANY BEAT CUSTOMS

Few Men and Fewer Women Fail at It.

## GAME OF THE BOGUS MINISTER

He Carried an Imitation Bible, and Mishap Revealed Fact that It Was Filled with Diamonds—Women Conceal Contraband in Ways Which Make Detection Difficult.

I have met all kinds of smugglers, writes a customs officer in the Ladies' Home Journal, but the most picturesque, in my memory, was the bogus minister with the imitation Bible.

The man, who was dressed in strict clerical garb, had on his trunk, it contained nothing beyond ordinary wearing apparel.

He carried a large hand Bible which on the face of it was personal property and so not dutiable. The trunk, man, and Bible were promptly passed.

But there was a slip. As my plous clergyman went down the gangplank he stubbed his foot hard against a nailhead and fell sprawling on the dock. The Bible flew out of his hand and the corner of it struck the boards.

The shock of the fall produced an unexpected result. A secret spring was touched, a little door in the cover of the Bible flew open and the floor blazed with the light of a hundred small diamonds.

It was the cleverest bit of mechanism imaginable. The smuggler was arrested at once, tried and convicted, and his diamonds confiscated, and if I mistake not the mechanical "Bible" is now in the Secret Service office.

## Custom Is Old.

While this particular device was novel, the custom of secreting gems is as old as the government. On one occasion seizure was made of a small lot of rubies hidden in the hollow of the heel of a man's shoe. As for women, they conceal things about the person in such a way as to make the search both delicate and difficult.

In this connection it is interesting to know that the United States has a complete system by which contemplated frauds are detected and prevented. Experienced men are posted in London, Paris, Berlin, and other large centers. They keep in touch with the great business houses, and if an unusually large purchase of jewelry or money or dress goods is made the fact is flashed over the wires to the collectors of the principal ports. A special watch is kept on dressmakers who go abroad to make their purchases. If the goods are all declared at their proper value and not searched in this country all goes well. If not, there is trouble.

## Bills Were Forged.

One occasion I remember was when a dressmaker brought over twenty trunks filled with the latest Parisian creations. They were all properly declared, but the values were suspiciously low. However, she corroborated the declaration by the presentation of bills for every one of the articles. This looked like confirmation as strong as it was possible to obtain, and the matter might have ended there. But madame, growing audacious, made a fatal blunder. She said: "If you don't believe me you can take to Paris and verify the figures."

It was a bluff—an insolent as well as a supercilious bluff. It was her undoing. The customs authorities did cable—not to that madame but to the American customs agent in Paris. In forty-eight hours the collector received a cable dispatch reading: "Suspicious; hold." In ten days there came a long letter detailing the results of the investigation. It proved that madame had forged bills overvaluing the goods \$4,500, and, in some cases, 60 per cent. They were all confiscated, of course, and later sold.

Women, I am sorry to say, are natural smugglers. Those who hold high positions in society do not hesitate to "take chances." They are not more vulgar smugglers, but a ring or a bestring or a wrap that should be declared is frequently worn in order to avoid paying the duty.

## Professional Woman Smugglers.

Then, of course, we have the professional woman smuggler. They give the woman searchers no end of trouble. Once a woman was found with a set of pearls hidden in her thick black hair. Women, as a rule, become hysterical when they are caught with the goods on them. The female searchers show all possible consideration; but when they have a duty to perform they usually perform it with respect to the woman's dignity. In these days a woman passenger is not searched unless suspicion approaches moral certainty. When it does, she is taken to an apartment on the wharf or in the boat, where all due privacy is assured. There have been instances where the suspicion was not verified, but they are quite rare.

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## POCANTICO HILLS JOYFUL.

Church of Magdalene Celebrates Cancellation of Mortgage.

Tarrytown, N. Y., July 28.—Pocantico Hills, which is nearly all owned by John D. Rockefeller, celebrated to-day the canceling of the mortgage on the Church of Magdalene.

The generous gift was made by James Butler in memory of his wife, who had during her life been a devout member and helper of the church. The gift was accepted by the Rev. Patrick J. Lennon on behalf of his parishioners. Archbishop Farley presided over the ceremony.

The church, which was beautifully decorated with plants and flowers from the Rockefeller and Butler estates, was crowded to the doors.

A solemn high mass was celebrated by Father Lennon, with his two brothers and Rev. Joseph F. Sheehan as assistants. Following the mass there was a sermon by Rev. Henry A. Brann, D. D., rector of St. Agnes' Church, New York.

## SMOKE OVERCOMES FIREMEN.

Fire on Old Dominion Steamer Causes \$15,000 Loss.

New York, July 28.—The Old Dominion steamer Hamilton, from Norfolk, was abreast of Sandy Hook this afternoon when fire was discovered in lower hold No. 2.

Capt. Richard warned the New York office by wireless that a fire boat might come in handy.

When the Hamilton tied up at her dock, at the foot of Beach street, at 6 o'clock, the fireboat McClellan was at her heels. As the 25th-class, and 25 second-class passengers came ashore, the McClellan's men were clambering into the hold, trying to find the fire.

The fire was amidships, where there was stored a general cargo of cotton. Fourteen firemen were overcome before they had the fire conquered, and that was well on to midnight.

The loss is placed at \$15,000, principally on the cargo.

## COVETS MEXICAN LINES.

Rumor Says Magnate Failed in Attempt to Buy Routes.

Mexico City, Mexico, July 28.—According to a story that is being told in railroad and financial circles here, E. H. Harriman recently negotiated for the purchase of the Mexican Southern and the Oaxaca and Ejutla Railroads, and the owners of those two properties were unwilling to accept his offer, and the deal has fallen through. The Mexican Southern runs from Pueblo south to the city of Oaxaca, and there it connects with the Pacific coast line, which runs from Oaxaca to Ejutla, a distance of forty-three miles.

Mrs. Harriman's object in acquiring the roads was that the Oaxaca and Ejutla might be extended south about one hundred miles to a connection with the Pacific Coast Line which he is building. This would have given him a direct route into the interior of Mexico. Both of these roads are owned by British capitalists.

## POLICE STRIKE ENDED.

Belfast Officers Return to Work, Pending Raise in Pay.

Belfast, July 28.—The police who went on an ineffectual strike here to obtain increased pay in consequence of the extra work imposed on them because of the dock strike have resumed duty pending a reply to their demands, and not deterred by the sympathy they received from the other strikers yesterday, they heartily hammered the latter to-day with their clubs.

The trouble arose from an agitator's harangue. Several persons were injured, including churchgoers, who were looking on at the latter's ranting and hymn-singing over their heads to ward off blows from the policemen's clubs, but in most cases vainly.

## SOLDIERS IN PRIZE FIGHT.

Texas Shocked at Story of Bouts at State Encampment.

Austin, Tex., July 28.—Society and church circles of the State are shocked by the news which has just leaked out that two prize fights were held at Camp Mabrey during the State military encampment, which came to a close last evening, and that the pugilistic encounters were witnessed by a number of prominent army officers and their wives and other women of social prominence in the State.

Both fights took place last Friday night, and resulted in knockouts. A regular ring was built and seats were provided for several hundred spectators. The principals were enlisted men in both instances.

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## BASEBALL TEAMS ARRESTED.

Trenton (N. J.) People Object to Sunday Exhibitions.

Trenton, N. J., July 28.—The first attempt to play baseball in this city on Sunday resulted in the interference of the police and the arrest of all the players.

They were held in jail for a hearing Wednesday. The complaint on which the police acted was signed by 130 prominent citizens, including clergymen and laymen of all denominations.

When it was intimated a week ago that an attempt would be made to inaugurate Sunday games in Trenton, there was a storm of protest from the church people. Col. Lewis Perrine, owner of the Trenton team of the Tri-State League, decided that the fans wanted the Sunday games, and booked Lancaster. When this fact became known to-day, hurry calls were sent to all the churches for the pastors and laymen to hold a protest meeting at the Central police station at noon.

As the result of this meeting, Police Capt. Greer took a squad of forty policemen to the ball field and at the end of the first inning placed all the players under arrest.

Col. Perrine announced to the 5,000 spectators that he proposed to carry the fight for Sunday ball to their highest court and that another game would be booked for next Sunday.

## CHOKES MAD DOG TO DEATH.

Officer Lassous Canine, Is Shot, Loses Revolver, but Triumphs.

Bradford, Pa., July 28.—Ordinance Officer John Meyers, known as the best dog killer in three States, is in the Bradford Hospital suffering from a gunshot wound and some dog bites which he sustained in battle with a mad dog. The animal, which was reported to Meyers as snapping at everything and showing signs of madness, was first lashed by the officer, who wanted to draw the animal to him by degrees and then kill him.

The dog, however, came with a rush before Meyers could pull his lasso, and soon mad dog and lasso were mixed up. Meyers' revolver, which he had in his hand, ready to kill the dog, went off when least expected, and the ball tore its way through Meyers' hand.

He threw away the revolver and gave battle to the dog with his naked hands, and, though bitten several times, managed to choke the animal to death.

The dog had bitten three children. The dog, however, came with a rush before Meyers could pull his lasso, and soon mad dog and lasso were mixed up. Meyers' revolver, which he had in his hand, ready to kill the dog, went off when least expected, and the ball tore its way through Meyers' hand.

## CUBAN UPRISING QUELLED.

Armed Men Under Leadership of Porto Rican Surprised by Troops.

Havana, July 28.—A report from Santiago to-night states that a band of twenty armed men under Emilio Sagerro, a Porto Rican, who were planning an uprising, were surprised by rural guards at Secadero, not far from Santiago.

Shots were exchanged, but no one, so far as reported, was hurt. It is understood that the band is composed mostly of Spaniards. Another band is reported in the same vicinity.

## FALLS FIVE STORIES; LIVES.

Patient in New York Sanatorium Not Expected to Live.

New York, July 28.—A woman either jumped or fell out of a window on the fifth floor of Marie Rogston's sanatorium at 53 West Eighty-fourth street, shortly after 10 o'clock this morning.

According to Mrs. Rogston and others in the house, the woman is Clara Burkhardt, of Philadelphia.

The woman is in Roosevelt Hospital in a serious condition. It is not expected that she will recover. She has a fractured skull, several broken ribs, and internal injuries.

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